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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Hargett, Jr., et al.
Serial No.: 09/668,811
Filed: September 23, 2000
For: PRESSURE VESSEL WITH COMPOSITE SLEEVE

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PETITION TO REVIVE AN ABANDONED APPLICATION 37 C.F.R. § 1.137

Sir:

This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(a) to revive an application that the Office has deemed abandoned for failure to respond, but for which the required response was timely mailed.

On February 19, 2002, Applicants' undersigned counsel of record received a communication from the Office (Examiner Steven M. Pollard) mailed on February 12, 2002 (Paper No. 5). The communication was limited to the following short paragraph:

"The Examiner has noted the IDS filed on 3/13/01. Applicant is required to provide copies of the cited prior art. A time period of 30 days has been set for compliance."

On March 12, 2002; i.e., within the 30 days set for response; Applicants' undersigned counsel prepared and filed the requested Information Disclosure Statement and the accompanying copies of the cited references by First-Class mail (37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b)(3)). As set forth on its face, Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement included a certificate of mailing dated March 12, 2002.

A copy of this Information Disclosure Statement and certificate of mailing is included herewith along with copies of the cited references (37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b)(2)).

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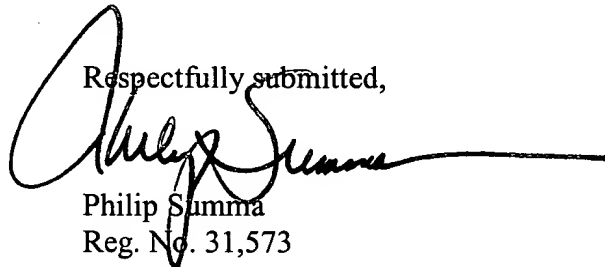
Applicants respectfully submit that the enclosed copy of the information disclosure statement and the certificate of mailing meet the requirements § 1.8(b), but if the Commissioner requires any additional evidence of the timely filing of the correspondence, Applicants' undersigned counsel would be pleased to provide it.

This request is being filed within one month of the original mailing date of the Notice of Abandonment (Paper No. 7), and thus Applicants submit that it is being filed promptly under the relevant circumstances (37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b)(1)).

The petition fee of \$110 is included herewith (37 C.F.R. §1.17(l)).

Applicants accordingly respectfully request that the status of the application as being abandoned be withdrawn and the case returned to active examination.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip Summa", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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